[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—FELICITATIONS TO THE HON. MEMBER SRI T. M. NARAYANASWAMY PILLAI ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

4-40 p.m. * THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, the other day it was my rare privilege to offer you my felicitations and the felicitations of this House on your temporary appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. Sir, now I have great pleasure in offering to a senior colleague of ours in this House who is sitting on the opposite side our felicitations on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. There can be no two opinions, Sir, about the qualifications that this eminent Member of this House possesses and we have no doubt that in addition to his onerous duties as a Member of this House, he will be making a very great contribution to this great University. I would request you, Sir, to convey on behalf of this House our sincere felicitations to Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House. It has been my privilege to have known Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai for many years and I think few would possess the qualifications that he has had. He was a distinguished lawyer. He was associated with the civic life of Tiruchirappalli for many years. Then he became a member and later President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and then a Member and President of the Public Service Commission and later still a Member of this Council and in those capacities he has already shown his interest. I think it is very rare to find a Vice-Chancellor, who combines in himself all these qualifications, religious qualifications, public service qualifications and political qualifications and I must confess I am staggered over his qualifications. (Cheers.) I have no doubt that in the sacred place of Chidambaram he is the fittest person to adorn. I have had the privilege of knowing him as a Member of the Syndicate and I know the great interest he is evincing in the University affairs and the knowledge that he possesses of Universities. I am sure he will not be wanting in giving a clear and very convincing lead in all matters pertaining to University education. At the present stage I feel that we, Vice-Chancellors, are rather at a low ebb of popularity and there are many criticisms that are made against us. Still it is good for me to know that there is a valuable colleague, not far away, to whom I can look for assistance. Even from that selfish point of view, I congratulate him on having accepted the appointment and I am aware that the House is exceedingly glad about his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I associate myself with the views expressed here and congratulate Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor or

the Annamalai University and wish him the best of success. If the authorities could look forward to the appointment of a person as a Vice-Chancellor, I suggest that they can look to this House and particularly to the Opposition." (Laughter.)

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I associate myself gladly and enthusiastically in the congratulations that have been offered to Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai. I am not qualified to speak about his academic qualifications and above all about his religious qualifications. This House is not the place where we can discuss about religious qualifications, but one thing that struck me was that Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai is a gentleman with the courage of his convictions. The other day he spoke out his mind when he said that Hindi should not be compulsorily introduced or rather imposed upon the people of Tamil Nad and other places in defiance of the unanimous wishes of the people. Therefore, it is gratifying that a gentleman with the courage of his convictions is the head of a University in Tamil Nad. I offer him my hearty congratulations."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" இந்தச் சபையில் நமது மத்தியில் இருக்கக்கூடிய ஸ்ரீ டி. எம். நாராயணசுவாமிப் பிள்ளை அவர்கள் தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவிலிருக்கும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் உப அத்தியக்ஷகராக நியமிக்கப்பட்ட பிறகு, இந்த ஜில்லாவில், பெருவாரியாக வாழும் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்களின் குறைகளை அறிந்து இந்த வருஷத்தில் சென்ற வருஷத்தை விட அவர்களுக்கு கல்லூரியில் அபரிமிதமாக இடம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்ற செய்தியை மக்கள் வாயிலாக அறிந்து மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன். இந்தச் சபையிலிருந்து திறம்பட பணியாற்றுபவர்களை உப அத்தியக்ஷகர்களாக பொறுக்கி எடுத்திருப்பது இந்த மாகாணத்துக்கே ஒரு பெருமை தருகிறது. அவர்கள் இன்னும் இதைவிட உயர்ந்த பதவிக்குச் சென்று பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினர்களுக்கு மேலும் மேலும் சலுகைகள் கிடைக்கும்படி செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டு என்னுடைய ஆழ்ந்த மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

* SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" மன்றத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, எனது நண்பர் திருவாளர் டி. எம். நாராயணசுவாமிப் பிள்ளையை அண்ணாமலை பல்கலைக் கழகத் துணை வேந்தராக அமர்த்துவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்த மக்களுக்கெல்லாம் எனது நன்றியறிதலைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ளுகிறேன். அடியேன், தமிழ் மொழி ஆட்சி மொழியாக வேண்டுமென்று சட்டம் கொண்டுவந்த பொழுது அவர் என் பக்கத்திலிருந்து என்னை ஆதரித்தார். அதை நான் குறிப்பிடாவிட்டால் நன்றி மறந்தவனாவேன். அவர் நிகழ்த்திய பேச்சிலே கல்லூரிகளில் பாடங்களை தமிழிலேயே புகுத்துவதற்கு ஆவன செய்வதாக தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார். அவர் பல துறைகளிலும் அலுவல் ஆற்றியவர். எந்த வேலையையும் எப்படி முடிக்கவேண்டுமென்று நிதானத்துடன் ஆராய்ந்து அதை நன்றாகச் செய்து முடிப்பார். மேலும் அவருக்கு நல்ல வன்மையையும் தேக ஆரோக்கியத்தையும் கொடுக்குமாறு கடவுளைப் பிரார்த்தித்துக்கொண்டு நான் அமர்கிறேன்."

* SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I shall be failing in my duty if I do not express the feelings of joy in me in this respect. Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai comes from

my district of Tiruchirappalli and it is indeed a great pride for Tiruchirappallians that he should have accepted this job. Another feature that adds to my joy is that he comes to the field of education in which I have been doing my own little part. Men of experience are wanted in the field of education to shape the future citizens and the Vice-Chancellors of Universities can play a very leading part. Sri T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai is an experienced gentleman as I have known him from my infancy and I am sure that he will have the energy, strength, wisdom and enthusiasm to bear this tremendous task and that he will surely lead us all from progress to progress in the field of education. I pray to God that he be blessed with good health, and long life to serve the cause of education and educationists."

4-50 p.m. * Sri T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" Sir, I believe I am too small a man to congratulate a great man like Sri Narayanaswamy Pillai. I have got a special claim to congratulate him because he has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of a University with which I am connected from its very inception. I believe that he is the fittest person to occupy that position. Not only that. It has been said in this House that he is a very religious person. He is a religious man no doubt. He is religious in this respect. He is true to his conscience. Nothing is more valuable to one than to be true to his own conscience. Nobody has said or shown that he was partial to anybody or partial to any subject. He was impartial in all matters. I know him for a long time. I congratulate him on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. He is the fittest person for that post. There is one matter which I wish to impress upon him. That is, he should bestow his attention on industrial education. Agriculture has taken a prominent part in the curriculum of this University. Fine arts find a place in the curriculum The University has appointed an Academic Council for the propagation of arts and other things. Sri Narayanaswamy Pillai should not be satisfied with these. He must take up the question of putting atomic energy to peace time useful purposes. This University is taking a prominent part in including in the curriculum the study of useful peace time purposes to which atomic energy can be put. Sir, if Universities are not going to take up this question, who else can take it up? Therefore, it is my humble request to him that, instead of proceeding in the beaten track, he will just make a departure and open up new avenues in that University and earn everlasting fame and reputation as the leading Vice-Chancellor of a Tamilian University.

" With these words, Sir, I again congratulate Sri Narayanaswamy Pillai on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of a premier University."

* Sri V. BASHYAM AYYANGAR :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, as one who has known Mr. Narayanaswamy Pillai for more than the last twelve years, I feel it my duty to join in the congratulations

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which have been offered him. As pointed out by hon. Members, he is eminently qualified to hold the post of the Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University on account of his experience in many departments of administration. I moved with him closely when he was the Chairman of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, and I know that he is a man with great sympathy, great ability, and great capacity. Above all he has got a sense of values and judgment on all questions. I think he is specially qualified to hold the position of Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University on account of his scholarship and on account of his great administrative experience. I have no doubt that during his term of office he would raise the prestige and the position of the University to a higher state than it has been occupying hitherto. I wish to join others in heartily congratulating him on his well-deserved appointment.''

* SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, very big men have spoken about Sri Narayanaswami Pillai and have been praising him. They know much more about him because of their personal attachment to him and personal regard for him. But I cannot claim that privilege because I know him only for some months past. Even though my acquaintance with him is only for a short period, he has impressed me very greatly. I am positively sure that he will make himself an ideal Vice-Chancellor because he will make his students become what he is. I am not exaggerating here. My impression is that he is the very embodiment of all that is good in Hindu culture. I have no need to exaggerate because I expect nothing from anybody in this world. He is the embodiment of all that is good in Hindu culture, which is a very grand culture. It is a very great and tolerant culture, and is one of the best in the world. Sri Narayanaswami Pillai is a great lover, rather he is the great son of Tamil language. He is very much interested in its progress. At the same time I am so very happy to say that he is not a Tamil purist. I am always afraid that if there is any danger to Tamil language, it is not from non-Tamilians, but the danger will be only from those Tamils who, in the name of helping Tamil, are not practically helping Tamil. Purists can never help any language in the world. Take for example the beautiful English language in which we can express our ideas in any way we like. That language is great to-day because of the great tolerance which the English people have shown to other languages of the world. They adopted all words possible. Whichever words they could correctly pronounce, they adopted. Even those words which they could not correctly pronounce, they adopted as their own words. I think there is lot of scope in Tamil language to adopt words like the English language. Therefore, a man like him, who is the Vice-Chancellor of a University, should take into his head the idea of trying to save the Tamil language from the hands of the purists, because, the Annamalai University is a very big University whose chief object is to help the Tamil language. My one request to Sri Narayanaswami Pillai will be that he should devote his energy, attention and affection in this direction to save

the Tamil language from the purists and make it a very big language—as big as the English language. Our literature is as big as the English literature. Our works compare very favourably with the best works in the world. But we must go higher and higher. I think Tamil language in the Annamalai University is safe in the hands of our friend here who is not a purist, but is a great lover, a great friend and a great champion of the Tamil language.''

* SRI MAHOMED USMAN :—'' Sir, on this occasion I do not want to give my silent vote. I know Sri Narayanaswami Pillai for the last 30 years or so. When I was a Member of the Executive Council sitting on the Treasury Bench, I know Sri Narayanaswami Pillai used to take a very active part in the debates and was a very useful member. As a non-official Member, he was always very reasonable. He is a gentleman. He would never abuse anybody. However angry he might be, he would never use a harsh word against anybody. I know he made a very great contribution to the debates that took place in those days. If my memory is not wrong, I think I was responsible for getting him nominated to the University of Madras to represent the Tamil language.
5 p.m. Whatever that may be, I have a great admiration for him because whatever post he took up, he was an ornament. I think that the Annamalai University should be congratulated on having made him the Vice-Chancellor. I take this opportunity of wishing him every good luck.''

MR. CHAIRMAN :—'' I have the greatest and most sincere pleasure in associating myself with the large number of speeches made this evening to felicitate my great friend, Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai. I do not remember when exactly I first met him but our association has been a very longstanding one and recently, during the last four or five years, we have been thrown in together in this Council and in the councils of the Madras and Annamalai Universities. Mr. Narayanaswami Pillai has got an excellent character. He is a man of great integrity and he made a reputation for himself in every post he occupied in the past so that when he took up this job of Vice-Chancellor, it was a matter of great satisfaction to all his friends. We, who know him, sincerely appreciate the good work he has done and I am sure the conferment of this honour on him is a creditable act on the part of the Annamalai University itself. I still remember the year 1942 in which he made one of the finest speeches I have ever heard while we were felicitating a great man on his first appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University. I am referring to the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar. I did not know him well in those days but he made such a fine speech on that occasion that one of the gentlemen who heard him asked me who he was. He has made a name for himself and I am sure the Annamalai University will progress well under his fostering care and guidance. It has just finished twenty-five years of its very useful

existence. Mr. Narayanaswami Pillai has the great advantage of having served the Madras University under a very great Vice-Chancellor and I am sure this experience of his will help him greatly in the discharge of his duties in his new assignment.''

* SRI T. M. NARAYANASWAMY PILLAI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, believe me, this resolution has sprung a surprise upon me. I never expected that the Members of this House—the Hon. the Leader of the House, the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition and other Members—would conspire to shower these praises upon this poor man. When the Chancellor did me the honour of inviting me to occupy this post, it was not without hesitation that I decided to accept it. On the one side, there was the desire in me to serve; the Vice-Chancellor's post throws open to one who wants to serve, unrivalled opportunities of service. No doubt, as one who occupied certain posts in Government Service, I have served the people and I have always considered myself as a servant of the people. But the opportunity for service in the real sense of the word was not as great as the one which the position of Vice-Chancellor offers to me. It affords a priceless opportunity to do at least a little bit of service by way of training young men, especially at a time like this, when there are many conflicting ideals held out before them and when it is necessary that we must produce properly trained young men with broad vision, patriotism and ideals of service in our new India. Otherwise our Constitution and our institutions cannot serve the purposes for which they are intended. Thus, on the one side I was attracted by the opportunity which presented itself to me and on the other, I was not unaware of my own limitations and my own shortcomings. May be, friends here, the Hon. the Leader of the House, the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition and several other esteemed friends for whom I have the greatest respect, feel that my experience in the posts which I have held in the past, may be of use to me. But I thought that this post required some other qualities, some more virtues, which I felt I did not possess. Nevertheless, I reminded myself of the motto of the University 'With courage and faith' and after some hesitation accepted the offer of the Chancellor with courage and faith. I was fully alive to the difficulties the acceptance of the job might present I was aware that it was not a bed of roses. But the only consideration which weighed with me was the immense kindness I have been enjoying all along on all sides in the course of my long career. I do not know, Sir, whether anybody else could have enjoyed the same privilege. As a member of the Taluk Board, as a member of the District Board, Municipality and of this Council, I have enjoyed this. Providence has been so kind to me, to provide a large circle of friends who have identified their interests with mine, who have sacrificed their interests to help me in pushing forward and I am confident that this Unseen Power will continue to help me. I have got proof of this when I see friends who shower praises on me. I know I do not deserve them but they will be a source of encouragement in the arduous task I have taken up.

" Sir, my special thanks are due to you because you were my immediate predecessor and the light which has been lit by you will guide me in the discharge of my duties. And as you said, Sir, I rely very much upon the support and guidance and the lead which the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition will give me as Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University here. I value the special training I have had under him. Then, I should acknowledge with gratitude the honour Mr. Usman did me in 1942 by naminating me to the Board of Studies as a representative of the Tamil Language. I continue to this day as the Chairman of the Board of Studies in Tamil in spite of my lack of knowledge of Tamil, in the correct sense of the term. I shall really benefit by what my distinguished predecessors in this office have done. I am particularly grateful to the Hon. the Leader of the House and other hon. Members for the blessings they have showered upon me.

" Let me say this in conclusion. If at the end of my term of office my friends will have a good word to say about me, nothing will please me more than that. Thank you, Sir."

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" I will have the proceedings communicated to the hon. Member."

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

(1) PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN.

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that under rule 14 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following four Members of the Council to be the panel of Vice-Chairmen for the eighth session of the Legislative Council under the Constitution.

(1) Dr. V. K. John.

(2) Sri P. P. Ummer Koya.

(3) Sri S. Narsapaya.

(4) Mrs. Mary C. Clubwala Jadhav."

(2) BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to report to the House that a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held at 3-30 p.m. to-day. It was decided to have the discussion on the Governor's Address for four days, viz., 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th August and meet from 4 to 6-30 p.m. on 2nd and 3rd August and from 3 to 6 p.m. on 4th and 5th August. The discussion on the Demands for Grants for excess expenditure and other official business of which notice has been received or might be received is to be taken up on the 6th afternoon, non-official business on the 8th and the consideration of the Appropriation Bill on the 9th. The Council is to meet again from 22nd to 27th August, 1955."